

Afghanistan Evacuation Resources

As the crisis in Afghanistan continues to unfold, the Office of Congresswoman Cori Bush is committed to prioritizing the safe evacuation of U.S. citizens, including St. Louis residents, and vulnerable Afghans seeking Special Immigrant Visas or refuge in the United States. If you are a resident of Missouri's First District and need assistance with evacuations and immigration from Afghanistan, please call our office at (202) 225-2406 or (314) 955-9980.

For the latest alerts from the U.S. Embassy in Afghanistan, please visit: https://af.usembassy.gov/

U.S. Citizens Currently in Afghanistan

For U.S. citizens currently in Afghanistan, please fill out the Repatriation Assistance Request form on the U.S. Embassy's website. Once you fill that out, please notify our office to share information regarding your name(s), passport number(s), and date(s) of birth, and we will follow up with the State Department.

- Link to Repatriation Request click here.
- Find latest security alerts and embassy updates here: https://af.usembassy.gov/

Eligibility Requirements:

U.S. Citizenship or proof of Lawful permanent resident (LPRs) status with documents: The U.S. Embassy will prioritize U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents and their spouses and unmarried children (under age 21). All intending passengers should bring identity documentation to the best of their ability (U.S. passport, LPR card — even if expired).

U.S. Citizenship or proof of lawful permanent residents status without documents: Our office will help those without U.S. documents as described above to the best of our ability.

Update from U.S. Embassy (as of Aug 18, 2021): U.S. government-provided flights are departing. U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, and their spouses and unmarried children (under age 21) should consider travelling to Hamid Karzai International Airport. You should plan to enter the airport at Camp Sullivan. From

the HKIA Airport South Traffic Circle, head east for 1km and turn right on to Camp Sullivan. Please note that gates may change frequently and that we will provide updates as necessary.

Note: The United States government cannot ensure safe passage to the Hamid Karzai International Airport.

The State Department has set up an emergency hotline.

• For emergencies, call 1-888-407-4747 (U.S. or Canada) or +1-202-501-4444 (overseas) or KabulACS@state.gov.

Please be advised that a significant number of individuals have registered and space on these flights is available on a first come, first serve basis. You may be required to wait at the airport for a significant amount of time until space is available.

The security situation in Kabul continues to change quickly, including at the airport. U.S. citizens should continue to shelter in place. U.S. citizens seeking assistance to depart the country should complete this **Repatriation Assistance Request** for each traveler in their group. Spouses and minor children of U.S. citizens in Afghanistan who are awaiting immigrant visas should also complete this form if they wish to depart. Please do so as soon as possible. Please do so only once. You must complete this form even if you've previously submitted your information to the U.S. Embassy in Kabul by another means. **This form is the only way to communicate interest in flight options. The State Department will notify you directly by email based on your registration as soon as departure options become available.**

Do not call the U.S. Embassy in Kabul for details or updates about the flight. Do not travel to the airport until you have been informed by email that departure options exist. We will continue to provide periodic updates to this message.

Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Holders

Special Immigrant Visas (SIVs) may be available to Afghan nationals who are facing serious threats because they were employed in Afghanistan:

- by or on behalf of the U.S. government in Afghanistan, or
- by the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), or a successor mission, in a capacity that required the applicant to serve as an interpreter or translator for U.S. military personnel while traveling off-base with U.S. military personnel stationed at ISAF or to perform activities for the U.S. military personnel stationed at ISAF.

If you or someone you know has an approved petition for an SIV, please email NVCSIV@state.gov, or call (603) 334-0828.

For information on applying for the Afghan SIV, click here.

For those who are eligible for a SIV, but do not yet have an appointment or have not yet applied, please immediately contact AfghanSIVapplication@state.gov.

For people with or without approved petitions, please call our office at (202) 225-2406 or (314) 955-9980.

If you believe you have an approved petition, but have not been contacted by the National Visa Center, or if you have questions about your pending SIV case after the petition has been approved, please email <a href="https://www.nc.nib.nu.ni

Priority 2 Visas

If you worked as a contractor in Afghanistan in concert with an NGO, media outlet, or other stakeholder, our office is pushing for safe passage for P-2 holders immediately. If you have questions, or are eligible for a Priority 2 visa and need assistance, please call our office at (202) 225-2406 or (314) 955-9980.